

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1-4, 6-14, and 17-32, canceling claim 5, and adding new claims 33-41

Submitted herewith is an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter and a Petition for Extension of Time.

Claims 1-12 are objected to because of certain informalities. Applicant is amending the claims to overcome this objection.

Claims 5-6 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 32 is amended to clarify its dependency.

Claims 12-32 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson 247,148.

Without substantively commenting on or agreeing with the grounds of rejection, Applicant is amending the claim 1 to include the feature of claim 5 and rewriting claim 11 in independent form. Accordingly, these claims, and all claims dependent there from are in condition for allowance.

For additional claim coverage, Applicant is adding new claims 33-41, which depend from allowable claim 11, and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in a separate divisional application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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